

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
November 1, 2007
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(Amended)

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary R, Ridderhoff , Sue Hanson, Clarice Ryan, John Bourquin, Sally Janover, John Lang, Steve Zabaro, Paul Rana, Drew Hubatsek

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Craig Wagner at 12:000 PM

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as emailed. (m/sc Hanson/Zabaro)

Minutes: The minutes were adopted as emailed. (m/sc Zabaro/Ridderhoff)

Treasurer's Report: Chuck sent an email which Pat read: Our balance is \$ 2497.23

Committee Reports:

Resort Tax: None

Lake County Planning: Paul Rana reported the committee members will be starting their drive thrus of each section of the different areas they have selected. They start today and one tomorrow and will do the other areas later.

Vision Committee: Sally Janover reported for Edd .The Vision Committee will be meeting Monday November 5,2007 at 12:00 PM at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. They have four Committees that were formed last week and need people. She also noted that Marina Cay was supposed to have bike paths with the new construction and all she sees is an easement.

Drew Hubatsek introduced himself as a concerned citizen with regard to light pollution. He has done considerable research on the effects this pollution has on us. He has many articles showing the use of shaded light and using high and low sodium bulbs. Kalispell City now has an ordinance prohibiting light trespass and light pollution. All residences within a certain time frame must comply with this ordinance as the commercial area is now doing. They are saving tens of thousands of dollars. There are many reasons for using this type of outdoor lighting, economical, actually less burglaries, and we need the dark to produce melatonin for our auto immune system. There have been many articles and news stories about this light pollution, Drew left a copy of some of these for the secretary's notebook. There is a website www.darksky.org listed on one article.

Also the mercury vapor light is the one of the worst offenders. With all of Drew's research we asked if we could call on his expertise when we needed and he agreed. After Drew's report on his research Sally Janover brought up a scenario about Marina Cay. There is a white light tall pole ready to be set in an area immediately next to her property plus other tall pole lights all over the new addition. These lights are now trespassing on her property and the one to be set she fear will light up the whole front yard. She was advised to first contact the owners and if nothing could be resolved contact the planning department and follow the necessary steps as to documentation of trespass lighting and that Marina Cay was not following the proper standards. Lakehills IGA was cited as having the shaded lighting which works so well. Drew also presented a brochure on home lighting which does promote unobtrusive home lighting' If you want any of his material please call me and I will make arrangements with you to get them to you. Drew also stated the both Lowes and Home Depot have neighbor friendly outdoor light.

Chairman report: Craig had scheduled Don Loranger for a report on the Water Quality Meeting held in Polson but he has not returned from hunting and hopefully will report next week.

Old Business: Bigfork Neighborhood Plan:

Shelley was not in attendance as the county had not sent all the information she needed. Paul Guerrant still needs to do some mapping.

Sue and Pat have gone over all the tapes with BJ, and the BSC meetings and Sue has added all the comments from those meetings. They have been sent to Shelley for her review for her to concur or disagree. As soon as Shelley sends this back to Sue it will be sent out to the emails list that Sue and Pat both have. Sue then made the motion that the BSC forward comments and decisions of the BSC to the BLUAC regarding the review of the Bigfork Plan. An amendment was made by S. Zabaro and seconded by J. Bourquin to do this in an expediting manner. Amendment voted and passed unanimously, original by Sue's motion was passed unanimously.

Announcement: Board of Adjustments meets on Tuesday on November 6, 2007 Saddlehorn is on the County Planning Board November 14, 2007 6:00 PM and the Muerer Zone change, is on that evening also.

Pat Wagner brought up an article she read in the Daily Interlake the night before and noticing a sign about a trading post opening on the property between "The Branding Iron" and "Architectural Innovations". The newspaper referred to a motel. The consensus from BLUAC members present that this is a 3 story structure with some condo units and a fellowship hall and stores in the front. The drawings will be out next spring or summer. Condos are allowed at the state level without subdivision rules. Montana Annotated code is very vague on this and needs to be addressed in Helena at the legislature level.

Craig also remarked that he has been in touch with Rex Boller on the "compression brake signs". The signs in Lakeside and Somers were put up by Jim Lynch and are not enforceable but maybe with more signs truckers would be more courteous in their brake usage.

Announcements on mail page.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM

Pat Wagner, Secretary